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LIVE STOCK CENSUS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the live stock census has recently been undertaken in Gujarat and Bihar;

(b) if so, the present number of animals especially the number of milching animals;

(c) the number of hybrid animals in the State; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Union Government and State Governments toincrease the number of animals and to improve the breed of the animals in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The work pertaining to the latest (1997) Livestock Census is in hand. It has not so far been completed in the States of Gujarat & Bihar.

(b) & (c): Statements on the
(i) Number of milch animals (Statement − I) and
(ii) the number of hybrid cattle (Statement − II) are enclosed.

(d): The emphasis of the Government in the policy is not to increase the number, but to improve the breeds of various livestock species and promote livestock health and reduce mortality and morbidity among animals. A number of schemes are being implemented in this regard such as the National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breedingwhich aims at radical improvement of genetic make up of cattle and buffalo in a span of ten years and National Project for Rinderpest Eradication because of which the countryhas provisionally been declared free from Rinderpest.

Statement- I

Number of milch animals : 1992 (In thousands)

State	Cattle	Buffaloes	G.Total (2+3)
1. Bihar	5013	2423	7436
2. Gujarat	1999	2983	4982

N.B:- 1992 Census was not conducted in Bihar. However, Projections were made by the Directorate of Eco. & Stat. Govt. of India.

Statement - II

The number of Hybrid cattle: 1992 (In thousands)

State	Cattle (Cross-breed)		
	Male	Female	Total
1. Bihar	92	99	191
2. Gujarat	37	196	233